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Social Participation

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INTRODUCTION

- Infected with HD 16 years of age, I received treatment and fully recovered

  - Hiding the fact that I was an ex-HD patient was my biggest challenge because I feared discrimination if my past and treatment were discovered
METHOD

- My autobiography was released at a book-launching ceremony in 2009
  - This provided me with a good opportunity to participate in a variety of activities

- Those cured from HD in Korea could and can live a life free from disease
  - Economic advancement workshop, children educational program, house improvement program, HD advocacy and building school and church programs were all conceived and promoted by IDEA Korea and myself as a founding member
Various Social participation

- Over 90% of persons affected by HD in Korea are or have became Christian. Most joined in a Christian Community after re-integration into society at large. The Seoul Presbyterian Society with 8,500 members elected me as their president after 10 years’ participation in the Society.

- Over 51% of IDEA Korea’s general sponsors come from outside the HD community which are Christian communities to help raise over 50% of the funds to pave the way for social welfare programs, social participation, social rehabilitation, human dignity and eliminating discrimination against HD.
In 1975, to help reduce severe discrimination against HD, I helped by taking part in harvesting the rice crop for the first time and then social participation by my membership in local Livestock Farming Cooperative Association.

In 1981, I received Saemaul decoration from Korean government as a public lecturer I presented success case for my own self-support programs with public advocacy for the disease.
SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

- **The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea**

  - General Assembly
    - (pastors: 700, elders: 700)
  - Church Membership total: 13,000
  - Elder No.: 22,000
  - Served as
    - Vice president
    - Auditor of social welfare corporation,
    - Head of the social affairs,
    - General Assembly representative
Advocacy

A press conference for HD terminology

special lecture at college
CBMC (Connecting Business and Marketplace to Christ) of Korea (East Seoul Branch)

- Served as president and vice president since I joined in 1996
Seoul district Presbyterian Society

- Membership No. : 8,500
- Served as president
Overseas Program

Building churches

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Overseas Program

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Children educational program

- Over 5,000 children since 2007

▲ China

▲ Philippines

▲ Cambodia
Seminar for economical independence in Bangladesh

Seminar for Integration into the general public in Philippines
House improvement Program

▲ Vietnam

▲ Philippines

▲ Philippines
Other funding programs

△ free lunches

△ free clinics

△ a visit to the welfare center for the old

△ a visit to the Philippines Hospital
RESULTS

- Generally speaking, there still remains discrimination and misunderstanding against HD but the Christian Communities have made a great progress. The dignity and Integration which are IDEA objective are reachable in near future in Korea.

- Raising awareness for and by those affected by HD in Korea now helps those who are integrating into the general public and helps in the elimination of both discrimination and the stigma of HD.
Korean government currently ask for close consultation from those affected by HD to make a policy for welfare program and those affected by HD who can participate in the programs as an equal voice like the general public.

Active social participation by ex-patients, can plays a key role in tackling HD related challenges.
THANK YOU